

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Record of Levi Grooms BLWt1937-200

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On the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1822 appeared in Open Court, James Mason<sup>1</sup> aged 95 years, a resident of polling County, on oath declares that he enlisted in the year 1777 in Captain Fleming's [Charles Fleming's] Company Colonel Heath's [William Heth's] Regiment belonging [to] the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia [Regiment] – he served 3 years, was in the battle of Brandywine & was wounded there & was discharged from said Regiment, & that soon after enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Yorkers [?] in the year \_\_ in Captain Griggs Company – Colonel Peter Gandivert's [Peter Gansevoort's] Regiment he served three years & was discharged – again enlisted at Albany N. Y. in the Arts – Captain Andrew Moody's Company, Colonel Lamb's Regiment and at the close of the war was regularly discharged.

See affidavit Pension Papers under Act 1818

Kentucky agency – 20 December 1822 No. 18852

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State of Kentucky Scott County Sct. September Court 1831

Satisfactory Evidence is produced to the Court that Horatio, Charles H., Thornton F., Hiram R., and Elizabeth T Groomes [sic] are the Children and only heirs at law of John Groomes late of Stafford County Virginia deceased who was the elder brother of Levi Groomes and Officer of the Virginia line and who fell in Battle in the Army of the Revolution being at the time of his death and unmarried man and without issue, which is ordered to be certified under the Seal of the Court.

[Attested by the clerk of court September 22, 1831 in Scott County Kentucky]

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The affidavit of James Mason of Scott County Kentucky. He states that he was in Braddock's defeat on the Monongahela [River] in the year 1755 – that as soon as the revolutionary war broke out & before Declaration of Independence he entered for 2 or 3 years as well as he can recollect at this time in the company of Captain James Gregg in the 2<sup>nd</sup> New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Gansevoort – that after his discharge he went to Virginia where he enlisted for & during the war & served till its close & was discharged near Alexandria Virginia that he was personally acquainted with Levi Grooms, who was an officer, viz. a Lieutenant in Captain

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<sup>1</sup> [James Mason S36064](#)

Thompson's company of the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Heath [William Heth], that he said Mason was a soldier of said Regiment & under the command of Captain Fleming, that said Regiment was in the Battle of Brandywine 10<sup>th</sup> September 1777 [sic] & that this affiant was wounded in the leg & had his big toe shot off, that the said Lieutenant Levi Grooms was killed in said battle he was shot through the body – that in the retreat he passed by the said Grooms who was then dead – the wound was mortal & he died on the ground & before the Battle was over – said Grooms was always designated as other officers of his grade by Regimentals & he knows that said Grooms did command as Lieutenant before & at the time of his death as aforesaid. Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833

S/ James Mason, X his mark

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The affidavit of Sarah Craig, formerly Sarah Grooms – that she married John Grooms, the Brother of Levi Grooms in Fauquier County Virginia the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1787 that she said Sarah his 67 years of age, that she has conversed with her husband the Brother of Levi Grooms & the mother of said Levi & the neighbors after her marriage as well as with the friends & family connections of said Grooms about the said Levi Grooms and the fact was notorious by such conversations that said Levi Grooms was killed in the battle of Brandywine 11<sup>th</sup> September 1777 as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental service that from the tradition & connections of that early day about Levi Grooms she has no doubt but what said Grooms was killed in the Battle of Brandywine as a Lieutenant aforesaid. These conversations of course were repeated 4 years more frequently than she can state.

Signed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833

S/ Sarah Craig, X her mark

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The affidavit of Jno. Jacobs [John Jacobs]<sup>2</sup> now a revolutionary Pensioner States that he lived during the revolution & before near Falmouth Virginia, that he was personally intimate & acquainted well with Levi Grooms & his whole family connections from Boyhood who lived near the same place that this affiant entered the Service of the United States & served in the war of the Revolution that he knows of his own personal knowledge that Levi Grooms, who was an amiable & promising young man entered the service of his country early in the Revolution as an officer, that he believes he was in the character & rank of Lieutenant in one of the Virginia Continental regiments – that he saw the said Levi Grooms recruiting soldiers for his Regiment as a recruiting officer at Falmouth = That he also states that he understood that in the time 1777, that said Levi Grooms was in the Battle of Brandywine on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1777 & was there killed in Battle – That he has as much right to believe this as any notorious & traditionary fact of the revolution as it was general belief & understanding in & about Falmouth where said Grooms had been raised & where his mother & Brothers lived & he also knows that he never saw said Levi Grooms after the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1777 he and in corroboration of this fact said Levi Grooms never did return & if he had been alive the presumption is that he would have returned to his home – although he does not recollect that ever saw said Levi Grooms commission, yet he knew him to be an officer as he knew all others in the revolution by seeing them command, & exercise authority & with Regimentals to distinguish them from the soldiers & it was always easy to know who was an officer & who was not – no person could be easily imposed upon in that

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<sup>2</sup> Probably the same man as [John Jacobs W9071](#)

respect – It was always a matter of notoriety in the place or neighborhood where the Person lived and with those facts & views he believes that Levi Grooms was killed as Lieutenant in the Battle of Brandywine has a Lieutenant in one of the Virginia Continental regiments, & he believes it was the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment he says that for many years his calling has been teaching school. Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833

S/ Jno Jacobs



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State of Kentucky County of Scott

I, Charles H Grooms heir at law of Levi Grooms do upon oath testify and declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that Levi Grooms did entered the service in 17\_\_ , for the term of \_\_ and served as a Lieutenant in the Regiment No. \_\_ under the command of Colonel \_\_ of the \_\_ line; and that he continued in the service aforesaid until the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1777 when he was killed in battle.

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to the heirs of said Levi Grooms on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever: therefore

[boilerplate power of attorney language not transcribed – the power of attorney was granted to Richard M Johnson]

S/ C. H. Grooms



[Attested April 29, 1833 in Scott County Kentucky]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 25-page file

[Note: This file contains the sum of the same documents as transcribed above. I have not transcribed them again.]

I do hereby authorize the State of Virginia or the proper officer or officers to deliver to Rh. M Johnson or his order the warrant for land which may now be due to the heirs of Lieutenant Levi Grooms of the Revolution who was killed by the enemy in the Battle of Brandywine, the warrant to issue in the name of the heirs of said Grooms. Signed & sealed before me

S/ Asa Vallandingham, JP

S/ T. F. Grooms [Thornton F Grooms]



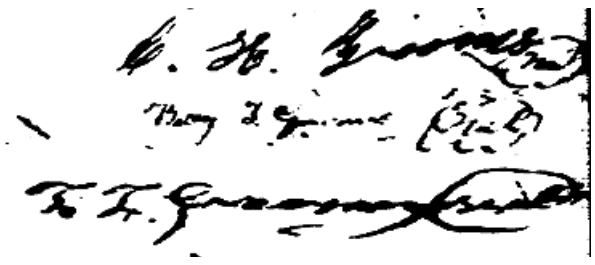
[Attested in Grant County Kentucky May 23, 1835]

[p 24: another document signed by several of the heirs on April 30, 1833 in Scott County Kentucky:

S/ C. H. Grooms

S/ Betsey. T. Grooms

S/ T. F. Grooms



The image shows three handwritten signatures in cursive script, arranged vertically. The top signature is 'C. H. Grooms', the middle one is 'Betsey T. Grooms', and the bottom one is 'T. F. Grooms'. The signatures are dark and somewhat stylized, with some ink bleed-through or overlapping lines.